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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Dear New Brand Applicant:

Enclosed is an application to apply for a new brand in the state of Colorado. We ask that you draw several brands that you would like to record and list them in order of preference. Please indicate the county in Colorado where your livestock will range. Please specify whether the brand is for cattle and horses <u>or</u> sheep and goats.

Please be advised that most brands contain two letters or numbers along with a character such as a bar, slash or quarter circle. As there are over 34,000 brands currently on record, it is very difficult to approve a two character brand. We discourage connecting characters in a new brand or using miscellaneous objects in a new brand.

All new brand requests are compared with brands currently on record for conflicts before a new brand is approved by the Brand Commissioner or an appointed designee. If the specific choice(s) cannot be issued due to conflicts and you would like a similar brand mailed for your approval, please state that request on the application. If you have only one brand choice and that brand cannot be issued, this office will mail a letter explaining the conflicts that are on record. You have 30 days to submit another application if you wish.

A brand is considered personal property in Colorado and is transferable in ownership according to the laws of the state. In Colorado, a brand is approved for cattle and horses or sheep and goats and approved for use on either side (left or right) any location (shoulder, rib or hip) on the animal.

The initiation fee for a new brand is \$50.00, which is non-refundable and must accompany the new brand application. If a new brand is selected for your approval and you wish to record the new brand, the \$50.00 initiation fee will become the recording fee. The 2014 assessment fee will then be due to record the brand in the amount of \$165.00. This will pay your new brand through December 31, 2016. Please do not send the assessment fee with the new brand application.

Please mail the new brand application to this office along with the initiation fee of \$50.00. Please allow at least three to six weeks research time for your requests. Thank you and if you have questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely

Cara Wells Office Manager

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## **NEW BRAND APPLICATION**

DATE:
NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:
CITY, STATE, ZIP:
COUNTY OF RANGE:
Please mark only one – brand to be used on cattle & horses or sheep & goats
BRAND REQUESTS:
1.
2.
3.
Please mark this box if you wish for a similar brand to be researched for your approval